

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS

TO SECDEF WASHDC IMMEDIATE

INFO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 7467

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C O N F I D E N T I A L NOFORN BRUSSELS 12415

C O R R E C T E D COPY ---NOFORN ADDED.....

FROM ODC-BELLUX.

SECSTATE PASS ISA/EUR

EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, MPOL, BE

SUBJ: F-16 OPTIONAL AIRCRAFT

1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF LETTER FROM MINISTER OF DEFENSE  
P. VANDEN BOEYNANTS, DATED 23 JUN 78: "MY DEAR COL-  
LEAGUE, I HAVE THE PLEASURE TO INFORM YOU THAT THE  
BELGIAN GOVERNMENT HAS DECIDED TODAY TO EXERCISE THE  
OPTION ON THE 14 F-16 AIRCRAFT. I THANK YOU AGAIN FOR  
THE UNDERSTANDING YOU SHOWED FOR OUR POLITICAL PROBLEM  
AND ALSO FOR THE ASSISTANCE YOU WERE WILLING TO PROVIDE.  
YOURS SINCERELY, P. VANDEN BOEYNANTS, MINISTER OF DEFENCE  
(S)." LETTER BEING FORWARDED 26 JUN 78.

2. (C-NF) MESSAGE SECDEF TO MINISTER VANDEN BOEYNANTS,  
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DTG 221222Z JUN 78, WAS NOT DELIVERED. AMBASSADOR DE-  
CIDED TO WITHHOLD DELIVERY PENDING OUTCOME OF TODAY'S  
CABINET MEETING, WHICH WAS FAVORABLE. GDS 31 DEC 84.  
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## Message Attributes

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